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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Mary M. Dyszlewski : Examiner: Dameron Jones
Serial No.: 10/030,741 : Group Art Unit 1616
Filed: November 30, 2001 : Attorney Docket No. 1328 WO/US
: Confirmation No. 2094
For: THE USE OF AMINOPOLY- : Customer No. 27,128
CARBOXYLATE LIGANDS IN LABELING :
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE SUBSTRATES WITH :
A Tc-99m TRICARBONYL PRECURSOR :
Last Office Action : November 21, 2003 :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

An **Appendix A** including an Article entitled "The Oxidation State of Technetium in Aminopolycarboxylate Complexes" is attached following page 8 of this paper.